



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Stone masons are busy setting stone at the north end of the CVC entrance lobby. The south end of the lobby was completed late last week.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 9/25/06 through 9/29/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- Mason teams continue setting floor stone in the CVC entrance lobby, in the corridors adjacent to the Great Hall, and in the threshold areas leading to the gift shops and the Library of Congress.
- Floor stone installation is complete in the lobby just outside the South Orientation Theater and nearly complete along the south corridors on both the upper and lower levels. Installation of finish ceiling panels began late last week along the south corridor adjacent to the Great Hall on the lower level. The ceiling contractor has begun working Saturdays to increase the pace of this effort.
- In the East Front, crews continue installing of the metal framework that will support the stone at the Rotunda and Gallery levels along the west walls. A steel beam for an archway in the East Front transition zone was installed on Monday, September 25, and the finish stone for the archway is expect to arrive later this week.
- In the Exhibition Hall, workers continue to assemble the steel framework that will support the marble “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house 40 to 50 historic documents down the center of the Hall.
- A millwork contractor has completed installation of ceiling panels inside the North and South Orientation Theaters. Final ceiling work should be completed by mid-October clearing the way for crews to dismantle the scaffolding, install metal wall framing and set the final acoustic wood panels to the theater walls in November.



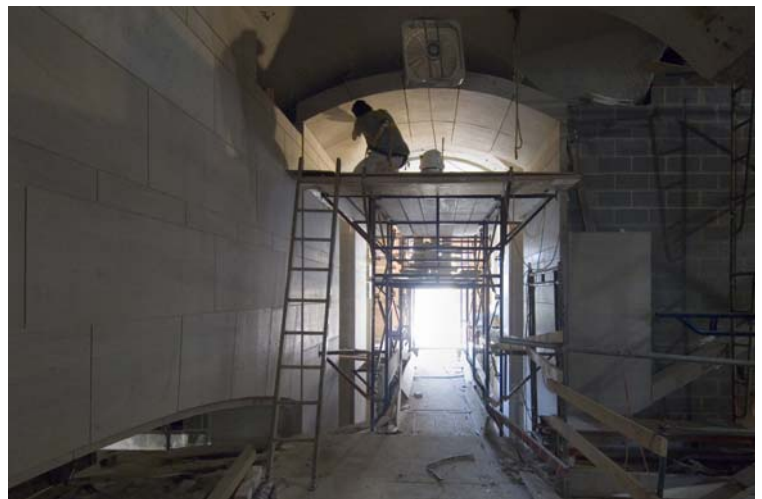
A worker applies plaster to the ceiling framework above the Congressional Auditorium. Painters are expected to finish the ceiling next week.

- Workers are completing plastering of the Congressional Auditorium ceiling (see photo above). Painting will follow next week. Meanwhile, workers continue to install mechanical winches for the Auditorium's light fixtures.
- Stone installation is complete in both the House and Senate stairwell atria walls on all three levels. The scaffolding has been removed in both atria clearing the way for construction of a two-story block wall that will rise along the eastern side of both atria. These blockwalls will be ornamented with stone and provide a backdrop for open circular staircases that connect all three levels within each of the House and Senate expansion spaces.
- In the Food Service Area, workers have completed installation of ceiling drywall and the framework for curving soffits that will support acoustic fabric ceiling panels. Final electrical work is now being completed and will be followed promptly by the installation of the finish fabric ceiling panels in early October.
- Millwork installation is expected to begin in two Congressional meeting rooms near the Congressional Auditorium.
- Masons have nearly completed the stonework for the historic seatwalls around the House and Senate grass panels. A decorative paving pattern is nearly complete around the north and south historic fountains.

Next Week – 10/2/06 – 10/6/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work

- Crews may begin dismantling the scaffold in the North and South Orientation Theaters.
- Floor stone installation will continue in areas adjacent to the Great Hall and the Orientation Theaters on the upper and lower levels.
- Installation of finish ceiling panels may begin in the Food Service Area and will continue in corridors along the Great Hall.
- Crews will continue assembling the steel support system for the Exhibit Hall's "Wall of Aspirations."
- Stone installation will continue in the main upper-level lobby just east of the Orientation Theaters.



A mason applies grout between stones in the East Front transition zone, in an area that use to serve as a carriageway below the East Front center steps.

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